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A group of workers purporting to represent the Executive Committee of C.G.T.C. (Central General di Trahadonan di Corsow), a labor organization, called at the Consulate General today to present a letter (enclosure) protesting the "lack of independence" of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. The Acting Principal Officer received the delegation and the letter, but refused admittance to a photographer accompanying the group. In accepting the letter it was pointed out to the delegation that the Puerto Rican population in free and open elections had rejected the concept of change of status of the relationship between Puerto Rico and the United States.

The delegation suggested to the Acting Principal Officer that this action was just the beginning of a series of international moves to put pressure on the United States regarding the relationship of Puerto Rico.

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Enclosure:
1. C.G.T.C. letter (Unclassified)

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Mr. Charles Henson
Consul of the United States of America
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J.B. Gorsiraweg # 1
Present.

Dear Sir;

Concerning: Launching of the Solidarity Campaign for the Independence and Sovereignity of Puerto Rico.

The Curaçao General Central of Workers, C.G.T.C. hereby approach you to solicitate your convinient intermediation in bringing over the Goverment you represent in Curaçao the following message:

As it may already be of your knowledge an International Solidarity Campaign will be launched as of the 23th of september coming for the struggle of the people and workers of Puerto Rico to obtain their Independency from the exploitation and colonization by the United States of America.
The date 23th of september has been chosen by the Working Trade Union Committee of Puerto Rico in charge of the campaign, for its historical expression of the Independence -Cry of Puerto Rico known as "Grito de Lares".

The C.G.T.C. will do its utmost to make the Workers and People of Curaçao aware of the justified cause of the Independence of Puerto Rico and will consequently also increase our support to the democratic and progressive forces which are struggling in Puerto Rico for an authentical and original model Independence.

The C.G.T.C. has based its opinion on the firm belief that each country has the right of self-determination and to guide their destiny such as they believe best in the general interest of their people.

Finally we want to express our firmest conviction that at the end of the struggle for their Independence, the People of Puerto Rico will find themselves living in a more justified society.

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Hoping that your Gouverment will take good notice of the content of this letter, we remain meanwhile,

Yours,

On behalf of the Executive Committee

Erwin J. Koense	Eithel F. Pietersz	Frencio Monte
General Secretary	Adj. General Secretary	Secretary of Conflicts

c.c. J.G.M. Evertsz
Prime Minister,
Minister of General Affairs of the Netherlands Antilles.

- All Organization affiliated to C.G.T.C.
- All fraternal Workers Orgarisation of Curaçao
- F.U.T. of Puerto Rico
- Working Trade Unions Committee
- Mass Media